

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

An information report summarizing the Regular meeting of Council held February 13, 2023.
This is not the official minutes. For more information, please contact the Director of Corporate Services at 250.720.2823 or email: danielle.leurebourg@portalberni.ca

Introductory Remarks from Mayor Minions

Mayor Minions offered condolences on behalf of Council and the City to the family of former City Councillor and recipient of the *Freedom of the Municipality*, Donna Brett, who passed away on February 3, 2023, recognizing Ms. Brett's lifetime of community involvement and dedication to its betterment.

■ PUBLIC INPUT

M. Ramsay

Reiterated a letter submitted to Council regarding his negative experience while interacting with Council as an applicant [Salvation Army] during the January 23, 2023 Regular meeting.

E. Frood | Sage Haven Society

Expressed support for M. Ramsay's concerns as noted above and invited Council to participate in the Coldest Night of the Year event on February 25th, a family-friendly walk to raise money for local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. To register a team or donate, visit <https://cnoy.org/location/portalberni>.

N. Wynne

Reiterated a letter submitted to Council regarding the Zoning Bylaw as it relates to fence and hedge height.

K. Brown

Referenced the Smart Cities initiative as it would potentially relate to Port Alberni.

The City is not currently pursuing the Smart Cities initiative

■ DELEGATIONS

WestCoast Native Healthcare Society Tsawaayuus [Rainbow Gardens]

D. Appleton, Vice President, J. Jessop, Developer, and B. Denning, Board Member provided an update on current and future expansion efforts noting the recent completion of an additional 48 units of low-income seniors housing. Presenters acknowledged the addition of park space which was discussed as part of the initial development process remarking that while the Board may include green space following the conclusion of building, the primary focus

continues to centre on the establishment of housing units.

Council directed that staff prepare a report outlining potential alternative park/playground space in Westporte Place.

■ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Five Year Financial Plan Q&A Summary

The Director of Finance presented a summary of questions and responses as it relates to the 2023-2027 Financial Planning process. Discussions on the Plan will continue at the next Committee of the Whole meeting Tuesday, February 21st at 6 pm in City Hall, Council Chambers.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw | Community Consultation

Council directed staff to initiate community consultation on the proposed bylaw content changes prior to 'City of Port Alberni Zoning Bylaw No. 5074, 2023' being considered by Council.

■ STAFF REPORTS

Capital Infrastructure Deficit

Council received a report providing information regarding the City's capital infrastructure deficit summarized in five broad categories: streets and drainage, facilities, technological infrastructure and process advancement, enhanced services, and strategic initiatives.

■ BYLAW

"City of Port Alberni 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5075, 2023" was introduced and read a first time. While first reading formally introduces the bylaw, a number of meetings have been scheduled over the next few months for Council to deliberate and receive public input. Please visit <https://portalberni.ca/budget> to view the draft financial plan and opportunities to participate in the process.

"Zoning Map Amendment No. 54 (3151 3rd Avenue – Dog Mountain Brewing), Bylaw No. 5064" was finally adopted. The bylaw will enable the applicant, Dog Mountain Brewing, to rezone 3151 3rd Avenue from C5 Transitional Office to C7 Core Business expanding their non-brewing

business operations (kitchen, lounge, office, picnic area) onto the neighbouring property.

“Zoning Map Amendment No. 53 (4925 Leslie Avenue – Needham), Bylaw No. 5059” was finally adopted. The bylaw will enable the addition of a new small single-family lot.

■ PROCLAMATIONS

On behalf of the Kinsmen Club of Port Alberni, Council proclaimed the week of February 12 – 19, 2023 as **‘Kinsmen and Kineté Week’** in Port Alberni and authorized the flying of the Kin Canada flag at City Hall in recognition.

■ CORRESPONDENCE

Wounded Warrior Run

Council authorized access to City streets from Hwy 4 [Johnston Rd.] to Gertrude St. to Roger St. to Victoria Quay, ending at the Port Alberni Legion Branch #293 for the purpose of the 10th annual Wounded Warrior Run on Thursday, March 2, 2023. The event raises awareness and provides program funding for veterans, first responders and their families.

Council also received their correspondence summary which included letters from:

- Heritage BC | Heritage Week, February 20 - 26, 2023
- Alberni Clayoquot Continuing Care Society | Election Special Voting Opportunities at Fir Park and Echo Village
- C. Alemany | Parks Master Plan
- R. Terepocki | Cold Weather Shelter at Eagles Hall
- Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia | 2022 Accomplishments Report www.fesbc.ca
- Port Alberni Canada Day Parade Committee | CIP Grant Application Withdrawal
- R. Fraser | Parks Master Plan
- N. Wynne | Zoning Bylaw: Fence and Hedge Height
- M. Ramsay, Salvation Army | Experience at Council Meeting January 23, 2023
- Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission Minutes | January 4, 2023

■ REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

■ NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Council Procedures Bylaw Amendment

Council directed staff to prepare a report outlining the potential implications involved in amending the Council Procedures Bylaw to permit agenda distribution further in advance, so as to allow Council additional time to review and prepare.

City Street Lights

Council received a report regarding City street lights, including the process for reporting repairs

and outages, and directed staff to include funding for a street light illumination study for consideration with the Five Year Financial Plan for 2023 to assist in prioritizing illumination changes and to guide future capital projects.

Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation | Resolutions of Shareholder

Council endorsed the Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation Resolutions of Shareholder in Writing for 2022 as presented.

Western Forest Products | Letter of Support

Council directed staff to prepare a letter to Western Forest Products in support of the continued operation of the Alberni Pacific Division Sawmill [APD].

Virtual Meeting Technology

[Notice of Motion] for the February 27, 2023 Regular meeting for Council to consider directing staff to implement virtual attendance technology for Council and other relevant meetings.

Online Question Period

[Notice of Motion] for the February 27, 2023 Regular meeting for Council to consider directing staff to develop a procedure to permit online audiences to submit ‘live’ questions to Council.

Provision of Documents

Council directed staff to provide the legal opinion and Good Neighbour Agreement related to the Temporary Use Permit issued to The Bread of Life Centre [3130 3rd Ave.] for the purpose of operating a low barrier shelter.

■ QUESTION PERIOD

E. Frood

Inquired regarding crosswalk safety as it relates to flashing lights and the potential opportunity for non-profit societies such as Sage Haven to benefit from the [potential] disposal of City facilities.

N. Anderson

Requested clarity on Council comments made during the meeting and requested that Council consider a public consultation process in conjunction with the establishment of a Council Code of Conduct.

L. Hagen

Inquired regarding public participation opportunities within the next phase of the Official Community Plan review and update process.

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■ MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Thursday, February 16th

12:00 pm – Advisory Planning Commission
Council Chambers

Tuesday, February 21st

6:00 pm – Committee of the Whole
2023 – 2027 Financial Plan
Council Chambers

Monday, February 27th

2:00 pm – Regular Council
Council Chambers

Tuesday, February 28th

9:30 am – Audit Committee
Council Chambers